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ARRIVALS.

Feb. 23, THAMES British str., 879, W. Passmore
 Taiwanfoo 24th February, Amoy 26th and
 Swatow 27th, General—BOYD and LARSEN
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Feb. 23, ROSETTA, British str., 2,039, O. C.
 Talbot, R.N.R., Yokohama 21st Feb., Nails
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Feb. 23, LOONINGHOON, German str., 1,245, F.
 Schultz, Shanghai 25th Feb., General—
 STERNSEN & Co.

Feb. 23, CITY OF LONDON, British str., 2056,
R. W. Sealf, Saigon 24th February, Rice.
—DODWELL & CO., LD.
Feb. 23, GLENALLOCH, British str., 1434,
Potops, Singapore 22nd Feb., General—
CHINESE.
Feb. 23, PHOTO MARY, Indianapolis 1500.

841, North End Feb., Coal—ORDER.
CLEARANCES.
 AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 26TH FEBRUARY.
Pha Chon Kiao, British str., for Swatow.
Broad Mayne, British str., for Shanghai.

Proper, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
 Allerton, British ship, for Astoria.
 Alisia, German str., for Saigon.
 Hakuai Maru, Japanese str., for Amoy.
 Denters, German str., for Saigon.
 Sabina Radeimer, German str., for Swatow.
 Hoihao, French str., for Hoihow.

Machew, British str., for Swatow.
 Konouva Maru, Japanese str., for Saigon.
DEPARTURES.
 Feb. 28, AMIGO, German str., for Saigon.
 Feb. 28, TATEGAMI MARU, Jap. str., for Moji.
 Feb. 28, CHOWTAI, British str., for Bangkok.
 Feb. 29, ...

Feb. 28, SWATOW, German str., for Yokohama.
Feb. 28, CLARA, German str., for Pakhoi.
Feb. 28, FORMOSA, British str., for Swatow.
Feb. 28, HANOR, French str., for Haiphong.
Feb. 28, JAVA, British str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 28, LOONGMOON, German str., for Canton.

Per *Rosetta*, from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs.
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Alosia, German steamer, 3,533, Knuth, Feb. 26,

Carlowitz & Co.

Amara, British steamer, 1,785, Mattock, Feb. 25,

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Arab, British steamer, 2,674, Wills, Feb. 25,

Bodwell & Co., Limited

Belgian King, British str., 2,170, Weiss, Feb. 20,

Butterfield & Swire

Broad Mayne, Brit. str., 1,946, Haynes, Feb. 26,

Meyer & Co.

Catherine Apen, Brit. str., 1,730, Olifant, Feb.

23, David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

China, American str., 3,187, Friele, Feb. 22,

P. M. S. S. Co.

Chingtu, British str., 1,459, Williams, Feb. 26,

Butterfield & Swire

City of London, Brit. str., 2,056, Scarff, Feb. 28,

Dodwell & Co., Limited

Daphne, German str., 3,271, Nissen, Dec. 31,

Siemssen & Co.

Deuteros, German str., 1,001, Petersen, Feb. 21,

Siemssen & Co.

Diamante, British str., 1,235, Blaxland, Feb. 27,

Shewan, Tomes & Co.

Else, German steamer, 903, Petersen, Feb. 23,

Jensen & Co.

Empress of Japan, Brit. str., 5,904, Lee, Feb. 24,

C. P. R. Co.

Fausang, British str., 1,410, Mitchell, Feb. 24,

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Fooksang, British str., 989, Anderson, Feb. 27,

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Germania, German str., 1,174, Moller, Feb. 10,

Jensen & Co.

Glenfalloch, British str., 1,434, Peters, Feb. 28,

Chinese

Hakui Maru, Jap. str., 1,419, Nishimura, Feb.

21, Nippon Yusen Kaisha

Hoiho, French steamer, 509, Gerard, Feb. 26,

A. R. Marty

Ichang, British steamer, 1,240, Jones, Feb. 26,

Butterfield & Swire

Irene, Chinese steamer, 826, Crawford, Feb. 25,

Chinese

Keong Wai, British str., 1,115, Groves, Feb. 25,

Chinese

Konoura Maru, Jap. str., 2,185, Shina, Feb. 24,

Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

Kutsang, British str., 1,495, Bradley, Feb. 23,

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Loyal, German str., 1,237, Lorenzen, Feb. 16,

Sander, Wieler & Co.

Machew, British steamer, 995, Farrell, Feb. 22,

Butterfield & Swire

Nanchang, British str., 1,062, Finlayson, Feb.

21, Butterfield & Swire

Petrarch, German str., 1,258, Vecker, Feb. 26,

Sander, Wieler & Co.

Phra Chom Klao, British str., 1,011, Fowler,

Feb. 21, Chinese

Progress, German str., 687, Brandt, Feb. 28,

Chinese

Propontis, British str., 1,390, Mackay, Feb. 25,

Chinese

Prosper, Norw. str., 789, Torstensen, Feb. 3,

Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

Quarta, German str., 1,146, Johannsen, Feb. 25,

Sander, Wieler & Co.

Riojun Maru, Jap. str., 4,872, Ekstrand, Feb.

27, Nippon Yusen Kaisha

Rosetta, British str., 2,039, Talbot, Feb. 28,

P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sabine Rickmers, British str., 690, Nasbet, Feb.

20, Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Sungkiang, British str., 1,021, Moore, Feb. 27,

Butterfield & Swire

Telena, British steamer, 3,134, Scott, Feb. 21,

Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Tetartos, German str., 1,578, Desler, Feb. 27,

Siemssen & Co.

Thales, British str., 779, Passmore, Feb. 23,

Douglas Larnik & Co.

Thyra, Norw. str., 2,420, Edvardsen, Feb. 26,

Butterfield & Swire

Toyo Maru, Japanese str., 1,548, Saki, Feb. 28,

Order

Tritos, German steamer, 1,933, Lassen, Feb. 25,

Siemssen & Co.

Tyr, Norwegian steamer, 1,418, Gram, Feb. 4,

Order

Victoria, British str., 1,992, Pantou, Jan. 30,

Dodwell & Co., Limited

Yuenang, British str., 1,128, Rolfe, Feb. 20,

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Allerton, British ship, 1,938, Toye, Jan. 31,

Admiralty

Berlin, American ship, 1,552, Gafry, Feb. 20,

Order

Emily Reed, Amr. ship, 1,460, Nickels, Feb. 1,

Standard Oil Co.

Isaac Reed, Amr. ship, 1,887, Watts, Feb. 8,

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Trafalgar, British 4-m. bark, 1,616, Wright,

Dec. 23, Sander, Wieler & Co.

Talonkun, Amr. schtr., 74, Melander, Jan. 1,

Master

Waratah, British sch., 25, Haynes, Sept. 23,

F. W. Hall

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Alacrit, despatch-boat, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Smith

Porrier, at Hongkong

Algerine, sloop, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. E. J.

W. Slade, at Hongkong

Aurora, cruiser, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Captain

E. H. Bayly, at Hongkong

Bastille, battleship, 14 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt.

Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B. at Whaiwei

Bonaventure, cruiser, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt.

R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B., at Shanghai

Brisk, cruiser, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Capt. R. B.

S. Wray, at Hongkong

Centurion, flag-ship, 14 guns,

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO. LIMITED.

The first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at the offices of the company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings (Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone, and Co.) yesterday at noon. Mr. A. G. Wood presided, and there were also present the Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. E. Osborne, consulting committee, Mr. J. Wheeler, manager, and Messrs G. M. Bain, H. L. Dalrymple, and W. H. Wickham.

The CHAIRMAN said—The report and accounts have now been in your hands for some days and with your permission we will take them as read. At this first meeting of the reconstituted company I have much pleasure in congratulating the shareholders on the successful fresh start the company is making and on the fair prospects it has before it. It is not in my province to refer to what has taken place during the time the old company was in liquidation, but I say that it is mainly due to the excellent manner in which the affairs have been managed by the liquidator here and the active assistance rendered him by the Manager in Sandakan that we are meeting here to-day, and it is a satisfaction that the present company is retaining the services of Mr. Wheeler here and Mr. Darby in Sandakan. There are one or two items in the account to which I wish to refer before proceeding to other matters. The capital of the company now stands at about \$117,000, the increase being accounted for by the disposal of the 44 shares that appear in the accounts as unallotted. The amount \$8,760 that appears under liabilities as a provision for contingencies is a provision for contingencies that may arise in connection with the re-construction of the company, and will have to be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the agreement of the reconstruction. The company's liabilities have now been reduced, and are only those that are current in the ordinary way of business. The company's business during 1899, we think, shows a satisfactory result, and we are pleased to say that the prospects for the current year bid fair to be quite as satisfactory. The company being re-constructed and the new capital subscribed at so recent a date (at the close of 1899) it is considered the best policy to strengthen our position by carrying forward the whole amount standing at credit of profit and loss account and to pay no dividend, and we hope you will approve of our decision in this matter. I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may come before this meeting.

There being no questions, the report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. WICKHAM.

The Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. A. G. Wood were re-elected consulting committee, on the motion of Mr. DALRYMPLE, seconded by Mr. MURRAY BAIN.

Mr. F. Henderson was re-elected auditor, on the motion of Mr. MURRAY BAIN, seconded by Mr. WICKHAM.

This was all the business.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

THEIR LAND AND SEA FORCES.

The large shipbuilding programme for the increase of the Russian navy, including a Budget of some £40,000 estimated for 1898, proposes, says *The Naval and Military Record*, a gross expenditure for the period ending in 1904 of not less than £50,000,000, and when it is understood that this enormous sum is of new construction exclusively, it may well appear that the ambition for the Russian Empire has a definite and strenuous objective.

The building of eight battleships forms the leading feature in the programme, and they are already in hand, ordered or projected. The protected first-class cruisers, which will be of some 6,500 tons displacement each, are all in hand, and one of the number, the *Varing*, is being pushed to completion in Philadelphia.

Up to the present time the Russian Government has been badly handicapped in the race for naval supremacy by the almost total lack of construction facilities in both ships and machinery. This, however, is being rapidly improved, and in the programme here outlined the intention is to enter into competition with the shipbuilders of the world in the rehabilitation of the naval strength of the empire.

Notwithstanding the meagre showing made by the material branch of the Russian Navy, the personnel has been brought well abreast of the ultimate requirements of the nation, and so far as can be determined by the often misleading data permitted for publication, the following table shows the effective strength of the Russian Navy.

General Admiral	1
Admirals	12
Vice-Admirals	19
Rear-Admirals	35
Captains of the first class	91
Captains of the second class (commanders)	213
Lieutenants	633
Sub-Lieutenants	234

Total officers ... 1,239
Of the rank and file there are 250 mechanics and an enlisted force of 41,915. This number, however, represents only the peace footing, for in time of war a practically unlimited number of recruits can be transferred from the army to the naval service, on the theory held by that Government that any man can be a sailor, but drill alone can make the soldier.

The Russian fleet consist of 240 vessels of all classes, aggregating 241,820 tons displacement, and mounting 1,545 guns of all calibres. Nothing in history has been more remarkable than the sudden rise of Japan to the rank of one of the leading naval Powers. The building programme outlined during the year 1898 has been vigorously carried out, and the new member of the family of nations is pressing to the front with great strides in her naval preparations for supremacy in the East. The building programme will be best understood by reference to the table given below, which is compiled from the latest official sources.

A notable fact in this connection is that the navy of Japan is and will be composed of the latest types under the various classifications, and the newest ships of this progressive nation combine every improvement yet devised in every department. In motive power, speed, offensive and defensive power, guns every detail is of the latest type and assembled by the best builders in the world.

The following is the personnel compiled from the latest data—

Admirals	25
Officers of command rank	425
Officers of all grades below command rank	727

Officers of all grades ... 1,177
Petty and non-commissioned officers ... 2,579
The enlisted personnel aggregates about 15,000. This is strictly on a peace basis.

Japan's navy comprises seventy ships of all classes, with a total displacement of 106,665 tons, and the ships carry 545 guns.

Between the land forces of Russia and Japan, a greater apparent disproportion exists than that between the two navies. This disproportion, however, is more apparent than real, and for various reasons the most important factor arises from the geographical positions of the two nations. Japan is, so to speak, on the ground, while the forces of Russia, whether for land or sea service, are forced to travel practically half the circumference of the earth before arrival at the point of influence. Russia has in her army 52,100 officers and 2,795,000 men, compared with Japan's 29,113 officers and 373,720 men.

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